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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please replace the paragraph on Page 10 beginning at line 5 with the following text:

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Figure 24: Sequence of dm argonaute 2 (SEQ ID NO: 5). Peptides identified by microsequencing are shown in underline.

*The replacement paragraph presented above incorporates changes as indicated by the marked-up version below.*